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## "INCREDIBLE."

JUDGE'S COMMENT ON  
EVIDENCE.

"FORCED TO SIGN."

Mr. Tsang Chun-sun, the man-  
ager of the Man Chuen Bank, who  
is alleged to have loaned  
\$57,600 from Moxon and Taylor  
and not to have repaid, was cross-  
examined at length this morning  
by Mr. Eldon Potter (for Moxon  
and Taylor).

In the course of his evidence,  
his Lordship remarked that it  
seemed incredible that he (witness)  
as a business man had acted in  
the manner in which he said he  
had.

Witness repeated in the box  
this morning that the transaction  
conducted through Lammer-  
ts was a sale and a purchase of the  
200 Wharves. He talked with  
Cham Wing-look (the accredited  
agent of Lammer) on the after-  
noon of June 6 and Chan told him  
that he (Chan) had money for  
him.

Mr. Potter: Would it be true to  
say that there were negotiations  
for a loan on that afternoon?

Witness: Lammer promised  
to lend me money on that day.

Witness admitted under cross-  
examination that Chan had said  
to him that if he (witness) needed  
money for a loan on that day he  
would give it to him.

Mr. Potter then pointed out that  
in an affidavit, witness had denied  
seeing Chan about raising a loan  
on that afternoon and that Chan  
had arranged to raise it.

Mr. Potter also referred to a  
letter signed by witness admit-  
ting indebtedness for the loan to  
Lammer and asked him how he  
reconciled that admission with his  
denial in the witness box that  
morning that the transaction was  
in the nature of a loan.

Witness said that he was re-  
quested to sign this liability for  
the Man Chuen Bank.

Mr. Potter: Do you mean that  
you were forced to sign it?

Witness: They drafted the let-  
ter and told me I would have to  
sign for the Man Chuen Bank's  
indebtedness before the matter  
could be considered of their  
liability to the Bank. They told  
me there would be no proof unless  
I signed.

"Kept In Ignorance."

Questioned by His Lordship,  
witness said that he was kept in  
ignorance of the contents of the  
letter and was told he would have  
to sign. He did not know that it  
contained an admission of the  
transaction having been a loan.

Mr. Potter reminded Mr. Chan  
of Lammer's indebtedness to the  
Man Chuen Bank for \$13,000 at  
this time. Why did he not press  
Lammer for repayment? he asked.

Witness said that the Bank held  
China Sugars against this in-  
debtedness as security. Lammer  
could not pay and asked them to  
extend the time and not to sell  
the shares as they were going  
down and Lammer would have  
to pay the balance.

Mr. Potter: Why did not you  
say to Chan (Lammer agent)  
You have just offered to give me  
money. If you have money to  
give, you must pay back your in-  
debtedness?

Witness: I do not understand  
that myself.

His Lordship: Then how do  
you, as a business man yourself,  
expect us to understand it. I am  
not a banker but I know some-  
thing of the ways of business  
men. You were pressing for  
money to be repaid and you said  
the man who owed it offered to  
lend you money for something  
else.

Yet you say that you did  
not press him for payment of the  
original indebtedness. It seems  
to me to be a very extraordinary  
way of doing business. Speaking  
quite frankly, it seems to me to  
be incredible.

Mr. Potter: You say that you  
sold 200 Wharves at \$188 on that  
day. Why did you sell them two  
days below the market quota-  
tion?

Witness: I wanted the money  
for other purposes.

Mr. Potter: You were required  
to pay \$30,000 to the Dutch Bank  
and your account with the Hong-  
kong and Shanghai Bank was also  
overdrawn. You wanted this  
money urgently, in fact.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Potter: Do you still say  
that you did not authorise Chan to  
raise a loan on that afternoon.  
(Continued at foot of next column.)

## ROBBER MYTHS.

WHAT TOURISTS THINK OF  
RICSHAS.

TWO BIG SHIPS IN PORT.

Opinion is agreed that it is "hard  
lines" that two tourist ships should  
be at Hongkong together when the  
weather is far from propitious.  
Those who have been here before  
—especially members of the staffs  
—still speak well of Hongkong,  
having previously seen the place  
basking in sunshine.

On being told that there had  
been no trouble whatever in connec-  
tion with the visitors on the  
"Resolute," a "China Mail" re-  
porter learned of an "incident" at  
Shanghai which, by contrast, puts  
Hongkong in a good light.

Misunderstanding arose in  
Shanghai over the employment of  
richshas. Apparently a rumour—  
believed to be groundless—went  
round that two of the ladies on  
the "Beigneland" had been con-  
veyed to a side street in the Chinese  
city and robbed of all their valu-  
ables. This led to individuals not  
following the instructions given  
out by the management with regard  
to the human chariots. In Hong-  
kong, on the other hand, there has  
been nothing to complain about  
richshas.

The Hongkong Hotel this morn-  
ing, with its lounge, presented a  
very animated scene. One lift  
was marked for the "Resolute" and  
the other for the "Laconia," which  
put in on time about 7 a.m. and is  
alongside the Kowloon wharf.

About eighteen of the "Resolute's"  
passengers made the trip to Macao  
and were immensely pleased with  
the place. This ship leaves Hong-  
kong this evening.

Arrangements for the "Laconia"  
to-day include the Macao visit  
(about 140 going over), motor rides  
round the island, rambles up the  
Peak, runs to Repulse Bay,  
independent shopping expeditions,  
and assemblies at the Hongkong  
Hotel, in whose capable hands are  
the general arrangements.

The Canton trip is not consid-  
ered advisable under present con-  
ditions.

Notables among the 640 guests  
on the 20,000-ton "Laconia" in-  
clude Governor Osborne, Iowa (who  
was on the previous "F.C. Clark"  
tour) on the "California," Colonel  
Daniels (reputed to be worth forty  
millions of gold dollars), Mr.  
Pugsley (a prominent banker of  
America), who has a party of ten  
—one of whom is his son, Mr.  
Chester Pugsley (a lawyer of in-  
ternational repute).

The "Laconia" stays till Satur-  
day. When the "Resolute" sails  
to-day she will take on about ten  
passengers from Hongkong, for  
Manila.

## SIR P. WATTS.

DEATH OF THE NAVAL  
ARCHITECT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 16.  
The death is announced of Sir  
Philip Watts, K.C.B., D.S.C., F.R.S.,  
the well-known naval architect, at  
the age of 80 years.

[Sir Philip Watts was Director  
of Naval Construction to the  
Admiralty from 1900 to 1911. For  
16 years he was naval architect to  
the great Elswick firm of Sir W.  
G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co.,  
designing many of the world's most  
important warships. He was the  
designer of the Dreadnought. An  
ardent Volunteer Colonel, he pre-  
pared and sent a battery of artillery  
to South Africa during the Boer  
War.]

Among mails which arrived this  
morning were 58 bags of parcels  
from London and 14 bags (papers  
only) from Europe via Siberia.

Witness: I only asked him to  
sell and not to borrow money.

Mr. Potter reverted to the  
question of the alleged sale of the  
200 Wharves, asking witness why  
it was a sale as he (witness)  
stated it was, he sold and entered  
into an undertaking to repurchase  
at 4 1/4 pints above the selling  
price.

Witness: I believed that the  
Wharves would rise.

Mr. Potter: Why did not you  
undertake to re-purchase them at  
the June settlement?

Witness: I believed that the  
disc would come later.

The case is proceeding.

## TAKEN EFFECT.

HONGKONG SHAREHOLDERS  
TURN UP.

TWO QUESTIONS ASKED.

Green Island Cement Co.'s New  
Director.

Apparently, the remarks of Mr.  
D. McNeill about shareholders in  
Hongkong limited companies have  
taken effect, there was a large  
attendance at this morning's annual  
meeting (the 37th general) of the  
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.  
(held at the office of the general  
managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes  
& Co.), when a couple of queries  
were put.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman)  
was supported by Messrs. Allan  
Cameron, J. Scott Haydon, Conrad  
F. Mendham, C. A. da Roza, Li  
Tse-fong (directors) and Mr. Allan  
Keith (secretary).

Shareholders present comprised  
Messrs.—C. G. Alabaster, Tong  
Hok-ting, D. M. Goodall, M. A.  
Figueiredo, I. W. Shewan, A. L.  
Shields, W. E. van Eps, D. W.  
Munton, J. Coulthart, W. J. Carroll,  
G. H. Rottis, J. T. Bagram, W. J.  
Stokes, M. M. Alves, A. H. M. da  
Silva, N. V. A. Croucher, A. A. A.  
Alves, A. F. da Rocha, C. S.  
Remedios, P. M. N. da Silva, J. E.  
Joseph, and S. Mitchell.

After the secretary—as called  
upon by the chairman—had read  
the notice, and the auditors' report  
—Mr. R. G. Shewan said:—

Unfavourable Conditions.  
"Gentlemen—As the report and  
accounts for the year ending  
December 31, 1925 have been in  
your hands for some time past I  
will with your permission take  
them as read."

"The result of the year's work  
certainly compares unfavourably  
with that of previous years, but I  
need make no apology for this as  
you all know the unfavourable  
business conditions with which we  
have had to contend since the be-  
ginning of the strike of Chinese  
labour last June."

"The balance at credit of profit  
and loss account is \$501,453.06 as  
against \$693,148.60 for 1924, and  
under all the circumstances not  
only as regards the lack of labour  
but also the reduced local demand  
and the difficulty of securing the  
usual shipping facilities for export,  
I do not think much better could  
be expected."

"As for the prospects for the  
coming year, I hardly dare to  
speak, but if anything, there seems  
to be a little more enquiry now  
than there was at the end of the  
year and we can only hope that this  
may continue."

"We are fortunate in having a  
good supply of limestone at the  
work of the contractors, at Bias  
Bay was all put a stop to by the  
outbreak of trouble there. The  
place appears to be in the hands  
of bandits and the prospects of  
building the proposed light railway  
and pier are very indefinite at pre-  
sent."

"As indicated at last year's meet-  
ing the ground at Castle Peak was  
sold and the surplus of \$1,114.44  
appears in the profit and loss  
account."

The New Factory.

"As regards the proposed factory  
at Tsun Wan the necessary work  
of obtaining borings and soundings  
for the reclamation of the site has  
been carried out, and much work  
has been done at Home in obtaining  
estimates and information as to the  
best and most economical type of  
plant, but after careful considera-  
tion of the position, your directors  
in face of the difficulty of  
obtaining labour and the necessary  
financial facilities, felt that  
there was no course open to them  
but to stop further proceedings  
until the trade of the Colony re-  
turns to normal conditions. This  
is course is very disappointing to  
all concerned, but on the other  
hand we have done all we could  
to push on the completion of the  
grinding machinery for the rotary  
grate kilns which are now taking  
the place of four of the old Aalborg  
kilns at Hokun with good results."

"Two more are under construc-  
tion at Macao and should be finish-  
ed and at work before the end of  
this year. Unless, therefore, some  
very great increase in the demand  
for cement should arise we should  
be more than able to supply all  
our requirements for some time  
to come with our present plant."

Facts and Figures.

"Now as to our finances, last  
year all our cash in hand went in  
payment of the dividend and you  
will see from the balance sheet

## AT LOGGERHEADS.

TWO WANCHAI LADIES  
IN COURT.

COUNSEL'S SUGGESTION.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the  
Central Magistracy this morning,  
Mrs. V. L. Spink, of No. 211, Wan-  
chai Road, summoned her neigh-  
bour, Miss May Murray, for be-  
having in a disorderly manner and  
using abusive language. A cross-  
summons was taken out by Miss  
Murray.

Mr. G. R. Haywood, appearing  
for Mrs. Spink, said that it was a  
quarrel between neighbours and  
he thought it would be better if  
both parties were bound over,  
otherwise he was prepared to go  
on with the case.

"I am firmly convinced that my  
client is in the right," said Mr. A.  
J. O'Donoghue (for Miss Murray).  
He thought that Mrs. Spink was  
the person who should be bound  
over.

Mr. Haywood: "I am not  
agreeable to that."  
Hearing was adjourned until  
11.30 a.m. on Monday.

## RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt  
of advices from Singapore, advising  
that the following dividends have  
been declared:

Temerloh—2nd Interim of 5 per  
cent, making 10 per cent. to date.  
Bukit Kepong—15% Final making  
30% for the year.

Conemara—15% Final making  
22% for the year, and 10% In-  
terim a/c 1925.

Kedah—2nd Interim 15% mak-  
ing 30% to date.

A burglary took place yesterday  
at an unnumbered house in Shaui-  
kwan. Property to the value of  
about \$80 was stolen.

E. winds, fresh; overcast,  
drizzle and mist, is the forecast  
for the twenty-four hours ending  
at noon to-morrow.

that up to December 31 we had ex-  
pended \$30,905 on Macao and  
\$79,508 on Hokun, consequently on  
December 31 our overdraft at the  
bank had risen to nearly \$200,000  
but against this our stocks of raw  
and finished material were higher,  
by nearly \$400,000 and our invest-  
ments at \$714,866 were untouched.

"As some shareholders are  
anxious to have some particulars  
of the investments, I may tell you  
that these consist wholly of:—  
Hongkong Government War Loan.  
British War Loan.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation.  
Shanghai Municipal Council  
Loan.

"There are no others."

"At Deep Water Bay the first six  
months' work showed a profit but  
everything was brought almost to  
a standstill in July and since then  
it has simply been a struggle to  
keep the factory going with what-  
ever unskilled labour we could pick  
up. I am, however, glad to say that  
the prospects for this year seem  
especially as regards bricks, better."

The new brick kiln is fulfilling all  
our expectations as to quantity and  
quality of the bricks turned out,  
and the output of the factory is  
slowly increasing as some of our  
best men have at last returned to  
work. Altogether our prospects for  
the current year are certainly bet-  
ter and with a return of the normal  
demand for drainage pipes, which  
I am sorry to say has practically  
entirely ceased owing to the curtail-  
ment of public and other works in  
the Colony, this department of our  
business should again show a fair  
profit on the turnover.

Dividend, &c.

"I now move that the report and  
accounts as presented be adopted  
and the balance at the credit of  
profit and loss account be dealt  
with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 80  
cents on the old shares  
and 10,668 cents  
on the new shares ..... \$862,668.68  
To place to reserve for  
new plant ..... 100,000.00  
To carry forward to the  
credit of next year's  
account ..... 53,842.32  
\$1,016,009.55

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## NEW BARISTER.

EDUCATED AT H.K. UNIVER-  
SITY AND QUEEN'S.

MR. HIN SHING-LO.

A new barrister, Mr. Hin Shing-  
lo, was admitted to practice this  
morning at the Supreme Court, on  
the application of the Attorney-  
General.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp re-  
ferred to Mr. Hin's early associa-  
tion in the Colony. He was born  
in Hongkong, and educated at  
Queen's College and the Hongkong  
University where he took his B.A.  
Having gone to Cambridge to com-  
plete his education he took his  
M.A. and was called to the Bar by  
the Society of the Temple on  
January 26, 1923, since when he  
had practised in England.

His Lordship welcomed the new  
barrister.

## THE NOBLE ART.

H.K.B.A. TOURNAMENT.  
MAIN EVENT.

SATURDAY'S PROSPECTS.

By to-morrow it should be  
known whether the main event  
for the Hongkong Boxing Associa-  
tion's tournament on Saturday  
night (at the Theatre Royal) will  
take place.

Kid Alfred (Manila) has been  
matched with Stoker Naegelin, of  
the French warship "Jules  
Michelet." As the Naval boat is  
due to sail this afternoon, steps  
are being taken by an interested  
and influential party to obtain  
leave for the stoker, so that the  
fight may go through.

Should Naegelin not get leave,  
then the bout will have to be taken  
off.

So far, the H.K.B.A. has not  
announced another bout in its  
place. However, it is understood  
that the tournament will take  
place on Saturday night (March  
20) as arranged.

From the foregoing it is pre-  
sumed that other contestants are  
available to fill up the bill if  
necessary.

No change has been announced  
in the 10-round "semi-final" and  
the six-round preliminaries. (The  
programme has been published in  
full in the "China Mail").

All the men are reported to be  
fit and "going strong."

## HAVE YOU ONE?

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PAPER.

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may be exchanged for anything  
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The "Wah Tsz Yat Po," a Hong-  
kong vernacular paper, is to cele-  
brate its sixtieth anniversary  
(diamond jubilee). "Files" are  
not now in stock of their earliest  
editions. They accordingly ad-  
vertise that they are desirous of  
obtaining copies.

For two copies of their very  
first edition (issue No. 1) they  
will pay \$500 each. For five  
copies of any number from No. 2  
to No. 100, the present owners  
will pay \$100 each. For twenty  
copies of any issue from No. 101  
to 8,617, they will pay \$200 each.

Today's issue is number 19,570.  
Readers who have dusty bits of  
paper hidden away anywhere  
should find out if such are in-  
cluded in the lucky series.

## HARBOUR COLLISION.

A collision occurred yesterday  
between No. 6 Police launch and  
the ferry boat "Meridian Star" on  
the Kowloon side. The Police  
launch was extensively damaged  
about the bows.

In a search at the Tung On wharf  
yesterday, a sum of \$438 was found  
sewn into a jacket worn by a  
Chinese girl. She was fined \$50  
at the Central Magistracy this morn-  
ing for attempting to export the  
money to Macao.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar  
on demand to-day was 2/8 7/16.

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# SCHOOL PRIZES.

LADY CLEMENTI AT ST. STEPHEN'S.  
CHINESE GIRLS' WORK.

Lady Clementi presented the prizes yesterday at the annual prize distribution of St. Stephen's College (Girls), the year's report of which was given in the "China Mail" yesterday.

In asking Lady Clementi to present the scholarship cups and certificates, the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, congratulated the students on their excellent work and endeavored the excellent work carried out by Miss Middleton-Smith during the strike. The fact that the School held its own throughout the strike and had made progress was due to the labours of the Headmistress and all concerned. It was Lady Clementi's first visit to the School and the Bishop welcomed her not only on her initial visit but also as a member of the College Council. The assured Lady Clementi of the gratitude they had for her presence and for being a member of the Council.

Lady Clementi in presenting the prizes to the successful scholars, expressed her pleasure at being present and said that after seeing how many Chinese ladies had acquired such an excellent knowledge of a foreign language, she became increasingly ashamed of the little she knew of the Chinese language. She congratulated Miss Middleton-Smith and said that the report she had read would give pleasure to any headmistress to read.

Lady Clementi commented upon the social services rendered by the girls of St. Stephen's to those who were less fortunate than themselves.

The ceremony was presided over by the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria and others present were, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mr. L. Forster, Dr. S. V. Tan, Professor Middleton-Smith, Professor Pansby-Pane, and Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

# NORTHERN POSITION.

CHINESE SAILINGS  
SUSPENDED.

The "Shanghai Times" of March 10 reports:—

The war clouds that hover over Tientsin and vicinity and which hourly are assuming a darker and more threatening aspect have resulted in the suspension by half a dozen Chinese shipping companies. In Shanghai of their steamer sailings north. The reason given for this step being taken is believed to be the fear that the steamers, owing to their being Chinese owned, will be seized by the warring factions and used in the transportation of troops.

Officials of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. yesterday stated that owing to the abnormal conditions prevailing up north they had been forced to suspend sailings indefinitely. The last two steamers which the company dispatched to Tientsin were the "Hsinlung" and "Hsinming." These two steamers, however, escaped the hands of the militarists, and after their return to Shanghai had been placed on the run to Swatow and Amoy.

Other Chinese firms affected by the troubled state of affairs in the North and which have suspended sailings for fear of having their vessels commandeered are the San Peh S. N. Co., the Ching Peh S. N. Co., the Poo Yi Co., the Shawshing Steamship Co., and the Poo-Chong Steamship Co.

Steamer communication with Tientsin and other northern ports, however, has not been entirely stopped, as foreign owned vessels will continue to make the voyage and maintain the usual service.

Inquiries at both Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. yesterday elicited the statement that steamers of their fleet would run as usual, as there was no likelihood that the troops would interfere with steamers flying a foreign flag.

Officials of both these firms expressed the conviction that should war actually break out between Fengtien and the Kuomintang in the vicinity of Tientsin their sailings would hardly be affected.

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SENTENCED FOR MURDER AT HOME.  
QUEER IMPASSIVITY.

The man who is the central figure in the incidents below is said, so the "China Mail" learns, to be one of the principals of one of the leading Hongkong firm of stoveholders—a firm that has been much in the limelight in the local labour troubles of the last few years.

Chester, Feb. 6.  
The most amazing feature of the concluding day's trial at today's Assizes of the Chinaman, Lock Ah Tam, who was sentenced to death for the murder by shooting of his wife and two daughters at Birkenhead, on December 1, was the extraordinary impassivity of the man.

As the weary hours passed, while counsel and medical experts were butting with facts and theories concerning the state of his mind, Ah Tam sat unmoved, and no shadow of an expression passed over his features.

The Judge's summing-up occupied an hour and twenty minutes, but the jury took only just over ten minutes to arrive at their verdict. As they returned, Ah Tam faced the judge with a face like a mask. Though Mr. Justice McKinnon displayed obvious emotion when passing sentence, and several women wept, Ah Tam remained impassive, and remained so as the warders led him away.

Public Fund for Defence.

The stillness of the final scene contrasted strikingly with the restlessness of the big crowd a few feet behind the accused man, extending in rows eight or nine deep across the width of the court. Many people had stood for hours in the rain in a queue waiting to gain admission.

The case had aroused extraordinary interest. Ah Tam was so well known and respected that a fund had been raised by Chinamen, principally in British ports, for his defence, and Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., was briefed on his behalf. Sir Ellis Griffith, K.C., led for the Crown.

To-day was devoted to the defence, and Sir Edward, in his statement, indicated that he intended to plead for a verdict of "Guilty but insane," on the ground that there existed in Ah Tam a latent condition of disease which was roused into an active state by drink, and that when the act was committed he was under the combined influence of disease and drink.

Evidence was called in support of this contention. It was stated that in 1918 a Russian struck Ah Tam on the head with a billiard cue, and one doctor declared that such a blow might lead to a gradual deterioration of the man's mental character, a craving for alcohol, and epilepsy. It was also stated that in 1923 Ah Tam lost \$10,000 in business.

\$55,000 WON.

ENGLISH SPORTSMAN'S COUP.

The most sensational run of baccarat since the war occurred at Cannes on January 25 when Mr. Sydney Beer, the young English, racehorse owner, brought his total winnings for five days to nearly \$55,000, of which about \$25,000 was won on the night of January 23, about \$15,000 on January 24, and \$20,000 early in the sitting of January 25.

Mr. Beer, playing at a table where the minimum is 10,000 francs (\$77), sits hemmed in by piles of red square plaques worth \$77 each (says the "Daily Mail" correspondent). His plaques are handed but to him in series of 10 held together by rubber bands which he rarely removes, preferring to stake big sums progressively up to \$2,300 a hand.

No such spectacular play has been seen here for years. Fortunes have been changing hands every few minutes. Twice on the night of January 25 the bank had to send for more money.

Mr. Beer, sits smoking and unperturbed. The table is railed off, but it has been impossible to keep away the spectators, who stand ten deep trying to catch a glimpse of the play.

At the end of each session Mr. Beer puts his piles of plaques in the casino safe. It is stated that the famous Greek syndicate is suffering most through his winnings.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

To-day is the anniversary of St. Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland. As previously announced, there will be a concert at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

# A.P.C. OIL.

ATTEMPTED THEFT AT NIGHT.  
STOKER IMPLICATED.

A Chinese stoker employed on an Asiatic Petroleum Company's lighter was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with being concerned in an attempt to steal six tons of crude oil from the North Point installation.

Mr. L. D. Turner, prosecuting, explained that the pipe line from the oil tanks at the installation ran down by the side of the pier. There were various people on duty during the night, and the first intimation that anything was wrong came when the electric light on the water front failed.

At about 1.45 a.m. on the morning of March 2, a watchman saw someone on the pier, and almost at the same time another watchman also saw the man, who was arrested. It was found that a control wheel was fixed on the line, and that another pipe was connected up to a small boat. Two other men were also seen to go down to the water and another swim away or crawled under the pier, and escaped.

Evidence in support was given by Mr. W. B. Lightburn, the manager of the installation and an Indian guard, and the case was adjourned until to-day.

# \$800,000 FOR A BISHOP.

FORTUNE FROM AN AUNT.

The Hon. and Most Rev. Benjamin John Plunket, D.D., who resigned the bishopric of Meath at the beginning of January on the ground of ill-health, is probably the wealthiest church dignitary in Great Britain and Ireland.

By the will of his aunt, Olivia Charlotte Lady Ardilaun, a summary of which has been issued by her solicitors, he inherits property valued at about \$800,000. The exact value of Lady Ardilaun's estate has not yet been ascertained, but it is estimated at about \$900,000. Lady Ardilaun left personal legacies of about \$24,000, specific legacies mainly of family interest, and annuities of about \$2,800 a year.

She also left £20,000 to form the Lady Ardilaun Educational Endowment Trust, two-thirds of the income to be applied to the education of the sons of Irish gentlemen members of the Church of Ireland who are in reduced circumstances.

The remaining third of the income of the trust is to be used for the education of the sons of clergymen of the Church of Ireland.

Lady Ardilaun also left \$500 to Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, to be used to provide Christmas dinners for the patients and staff.

There are a number of charitable bequests and the residue goes to Dr. Benjamin Plunket.

Lady Ardilaun was the widow of Lord Ardilaun, formerly Sir Arthur Guinness, who was made a Peer in 1830, the peerage becoming extinct when he died in 1915. He was an elder brother of Lord Iveagh and a member of the famous Guinness family of Dublin.

Lady Ardilaun's sister, Miss Anne Guinness, married the 4th Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, and it is their son, Dr. Plunket, to whom Lady Ardilaun has left so large a fortune. Dr. Plunket is 55 years of age.

# COLONY'S HEALTH.

Notifiable diseases reported in Hongkong last week comprised:—

Small-pox: 1 case, 1 death.  
Diphtheria: 1 case, 1 death.  
Enteric fever: 5 cases, 3 deaths.  
Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 case.  
Rabies: 2 cases, 1 death.  
[All concerned were Chinese with the exception of rabies for which the statement says "1 Chinese, 1 dog."]

It was drawing near the time when Flossie's aunt, was expected on a visit, but just about the time she was due to arrive a boy with a telegram did so instead.

The telegram read: "Have missed train. Shall start at same time to-morrow."  
There was something about the message which set Flossie thinking. "What a silly aunt!" she presently observed.  
"Why, darling?" queried her mother.  
"Well, if she starts at the same time to-morrow, she'll miss the train again."

# KILL INITIATIVE.

GROWING CRAZE TO BE CLERKS.  
EDUCATION SYSTEM BLAMED.

The view that the British system of elementary education does not meet the need of local industries and is instead creating a craze to become clerks was expressed by Lord Southwark at the general meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce at Bath on January 22.

Lord Southwark, who is chairman of the Commercial Education Committee of the London Chamber of Commerce, moved a resolution urging a reconsideration by the Government of the present curriculum in elementary education with a view to ascertaining whether it tends to increase unduly the supply of clerks; whether it is overcrowded with subjects; whether it tends to the imparting of knowledge, rather than to the true education of character and intellect; whether the education is sufficiently varied to meet the needs of local trades and industries; and whether the nation receives an adequate return for the expenditure on elementary education.

He said:—  
There is an unfortunate tendency to aim on every occasion at a post of a clerical nature, either in a Government Office, or a municipal office, or work of that kind.

I do not believe that the securing of a fixed position at a fixed salary in any service tends to breed initiative in any man. The world reserves its greatest prizes for those who have initiative.

This craze to become a clerk has resulted in the market being flooded with clerks, and unemployed who have a smattering of knowledge of innumerable subjects, but are master of none. It may be that there is a growing distaste for manual labour, or that the difficulty of entering skilled trades is growing greater.

It is doubtful whether the return for the vast expenditure can be considered adequate to meet the requirements of the competitive specialised, and technical conditions of the present day.

It was decided to add to the resolution the advice that local Chambers of Commerce should keep in close touch with education authorities.

Mr. Arthur Neal, formerly Minister of Transport, moved a resolution, which was carried, declaring that trade union and employers' greater co-operation, ambition, and production and so avoid the economic and inevitable consequences of limiting production. He declared:—

Employers should have courage to re-equip their works with the latest possible methods. There should be no limitation of the earning power of the man, but, as in the U.S., the working man's ambition should have full play. High wages do not create high costs but high spending power.

There can be nothing more fallacious than the idea that wages can be based on the cost of living. They can only be based finally on production.

A resolution was carried urging that, in the interests of trade, the continued high costs of railway transport should be reduced and calling on the Government to insist on the economies foreshadowed by the grouping of the railways.



Osborne C. Wood, son of Major General Leonard Wood, has issued a denial that he left Florida for Cuba with several rapid kills in his waist. Wood burst into the "Herald" office, announcing he had made \$800,000 in Wall Street. He lost this fortune at Monte Carlo, and was reported recently to have made another \$800,000.



JOHN J. BRENNAN

Speedy justice was meted out to Patrolman John J. Brennan, New York, who shot and killed Samuel Kassin as he complained to a police lieutenant that Brennan had tried to extort money from him.

# PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per D.L. "Pres. Moore" on Mar. 15:—Mr. C. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Danner, Miss Lois E. Danner, Miss Jean Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Grimwade, Mr. A. V. Roth, Mr. and Mrs. S. Royston, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Scott, Mr. C. Watkins, Mr. C. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hirst, Mr. E. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rogers U.S.N., Mr. and Mrs. R. Armstrong, Major and Mrs. C. Claassen, Mr. J. W. Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duff, Mrs. R. J. Glass, Master L. C. Glass, Master M. K. Glass, Messrs. T. L. D. Hadwin, E. A. Nelson, Wm. S. Frugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mr. C. M. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stevens, Master D. Stevens, Mr. R. Vollmer, Mr. F. E. Walker, Mrs. W. C. Welton, Mrs. M. A. Kister, Miss D. W. Kister, Miss L. E. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Albright, Master R. G. Albright, Mrs. W. D. Crocker, Mr. C. E. Heywood, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. McClure, Mr. J. D. Derenberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Crowell, Mrs. H. E. Bartholomew, Misses J. V. Caldwell, M. L. Smith, E. E. Lange, Mr. Thos. Allan, Mr. D. D. Assheton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. A. Koser, Mrs. G. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. High, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Quinn, Miss H. K. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Robertson, Mr. G. S. Strang, Mr. S. P. Conkling, Mr. Geo. R. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brews, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holly, Miss L. Holly, Master H. C. Holly Jr.

Per C.P.S. "Empress of Canada" on Mar. 16:—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newman, Miss B. A. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Robertson, Mr. G. S. Strang, Mr. S. P. Conkling, Mr. Geo. R. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brews, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holly, Miss L. Holly, Master H. C. Holly Jr.

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# NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.  
NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1926, until THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th JANUARY, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st APRIL, 1926, instead of 1st FEBRUARY, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd JULY, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd JULY, 1926.

For the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1926.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, 1926, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1926, both days inclusive. During which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HURTHY & SONS,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

# NOTICES.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1926, at 3.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,  
P. M. HODGSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

# HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 20th March, 1926.

Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

# HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1926.

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NOTICE.

DURING my absence from the Colony Mr. C. R. MOLLIS will take temporary charge of this Company's Agency until further notice.

R. RODENFUSER,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1926.

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"TEYFORD" 4,318	24th Mar.	24th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"LABORE" 8,151	26th Mar.	26th Mar.	Singapore & Bombay
"DELTA" 8,097	28th Mar.	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"DEVANHA" 8,153	30th Mar.	30th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN" 9,144	1st Apr.	1st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR" 10,009	3rd Apr.	3rd Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA" 10,941	5th Apr.	5th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"MANUVA" 10,902	9th Apr.	9th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA" 8,148	11th Apr.	11th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA" 6,000	7th Apr.	Manila, Kolumbo, Sandakan
"ST. ALBANS" 4,200	10th Apr.	Thursday Island, Townsville, Bris-
"TANDA" 8,958	13th Apr.	bane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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"DEVANHA" 8,153	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JAPAN" 8,083	24th Mar.	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA" 10,000	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MADEONIA" 11,089	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PBBIM" 7,841	30th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS" 4,200	1st Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR" 10,009	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KEYBER" 9,114	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA" 8,958	7th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA" 10,941	9th Apr.	Shanghai
"MANUVA" 10,902	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMALA" 8,148	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA" 8,097	15th Apr.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ARAFURA" 6,000	17th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR" 10,009	19th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"RANPURA" 10,855	21st Apr.	Shanghai only
"MADEONIA" 11,089	23rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN" 9,144	25th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA" 10,941	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR" 10,009	29th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORIA" 10,918	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

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## WHO'S WHO.

### LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain D. H. Martin, of the  
"Kwaiyang," has gone master.  
"King Yuan."  
Captain R. Mitchell, from re-  
serve, has gone master, "Taikoo  
Wan Yit." Captain R. H. G. Ashby,  
of the "Taikoo Wan Yit," has gone  
master, "Hutchow."  
Captain F. McGarity, master,  
"Ngankin," is on reserve, Mr.  
F. A. Pennington, chief officer,  
"Shuntien," has gone master,  
"Ngankin."  
Captain J. Oudney, from reserve,  
has gone master, "Shuntien."  
Mr. W. Jones, chief officer,  
"Tungting," is on reserve, Mr.  
E. Williams, from reserve, has  
gone chief officer, "Tungting."  
Mr. M. Defty, second officer,  
"Changsha," is on reserve, Mr.  
H. R. Edmondson, from reserve, has  
gone second officer, "Changsha."  
Mr. R. L. Barkus, third engineer,  
"Nanchang," is on reserve.  
Mr. A. Cumming, chief engineer,  
"Kwangso," is on Home leave.  
Mr. A. Morrison, chief en-  
gineer, "Changsha," is on reserve.  
Mr. D. M. Neilson, chief engineer,  
"Tungting," has gone chief en-  
gineer, "Changsha."  
Mr. G. E. Vaughan, from shore  
employment, has gone chief officer,  
"Changsha." Mr. G. K. Hudson,  
chief officer, "Changsha," has gone  
chief officer, "Yatshing." Mr.  
L. H. Hutchings, chief officer,  
"Yatshing," is on reserve.  
Mr. A. B. Osmond, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer, "Cheong-  
shing." Mr. C. Fletcher, acting  
chief officer, "Cheongshing," has  
gone second officer, "Leesang."  
Mr. J. G. Davies, second officer,  
"Leesang," has gone second officer,  
"Cheongshing." Mr. K. P. D.  
Fairfax, second officer, "Cheong-  
shing," is on reserve.  
Captain J. McAlister, of the  
"Fookshing," has gone master,  
"Hansang." Captain R. N.  
McNair, of the "Hansang," has  
resigned. (To "Shanghai Pilots"  
Association.)  
Captain T. M. Moynick, from re-  
serve, has gone master, "Ma-  
sang." Captain P. R. G. Cum-  
ming, of the "Maasang," has gone  
master, "Mingsang." Captain C.  
Alexandre, of the "Mingsang," is  
on reserve.  
Mr. E. J. A. Porter, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer, "Pingwo."  
Mr. G. Earlum, chief officer,  
"Pingwo," is on reserve.  
Mr. J. M. Bain, from Home leave,  
has gone sup' chief officer,  
"Kiawo."  
Mr. H. S. Dobson, from Home  
leave, has gone second officer,  
"Fuhwo."  
Mr. J. A. Thom, third engineer,  
"Kungwo," is on leave.  
Mr. W. Livesey, sup' third en-  
gineer, "Lienshing," is on reserve.  
Mr. J. Halkett, from Home leave,  
has gone second engineer, "Suwo."  
Mr. J. Black, second engineer,  
"Suwo," has gone second en-  
gineer, "Lienshing."  
Mr. R. H. Watt, third engineer,  
"Suwo," has gone sup' third en-  
gineer, "Tingsang."  
Mr. J. Fry, second engineer,  
"Tingsang," is on reserve.  
Mr. A. L. Miller, from reserve,  
has gone chief engineer, "Ting-  
sang."  
Mr. D. A. Macbean, from Home  
leave, has gone second engineer,  
"Kungwo." Mr. C. E. Compton,  
from reserve, has gone third en-  
gineer, "Kungwo."  
Mr. A. Mc N. Marshall, second  
engineer, "Kungwo," has gone  
second engineer, "Tingsang."  
Captain A. D. Thomson, of the  
"Tienkwang," is on reserve. Cap-

tain W. B. Cheshire, of the  
"Shukwang," has gone master.  
"Tienkwang." Captain J. G.  
Hannigan, from leave, has gone  
master, "Shukwang."

Mr. W. Steel has been appointed  
chief officer, "Tienkwang." Mr. W.  
Sudbury, chief officer, "Tien-  
kwang," has gone chief officer,  
"Shukwang."  
Captain G. S. Thompson, of the  
"Halyang," is on Home leave.  
Captain B. McK. Thompson, of  
the "Sutai," has gone master,  
"Lungshan." Captain E. Prigent,  
of the "Lungshan," has gone mas-  
ter, "Taishan." Captain S. Bell-  
Smith, of the "Taishan," is on  
Home leave.

Mr. R. H. Stewart, chief officer,  
"Sutai," has gone chief officer,  
"Taishan." Mr. G. H. Madden,  
chief officer, "Taishan," has gone  
chief officer, "Sutai."  
Captain J. H. Van den Berg, from  
reserve, has gone master, "Borneo."  
Captain R. A. Prichard,  
of the "Borneo," has gone master,  
"New Mathilde." Captain E. G.  
Rapley, of the "New Mathilde," is  
on reserve.

Mr. N. Donald, from reserve, has  
gone chief officer, "Pheumphen."  
Mr. R. J. Campbell, chief officer,  
"Pheumphen," has gone chief of-  
ficer, "Telemachus."  
Mr. G. L. Hunter, second officer,  
"Lok Sun," has gone second officer,  
"Pheumphen."

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## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" is due  
here to-morrow at a.m.  
The E. & A. s.s. "Delta" left  
Singapore for this port on March  
14, at 6 a.m. and is due here on  
March 19 in the afternoon.  
The P. & O. s.s. "Devanah" left  
Singapore for this port on March 15,  
at 8 a.m. with the outward English  
Mails, and is due here on March  
20 at about 6 a.m.  
The B. I. s.s. "Japan" left Singa-  
pore for this port on March 13 at  
p.m. and is due here on March 20  
at a.m.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Russia" left Vancouver for Hong-  
kong, via Japan ports and Shang-  
hai, on March 6 and is due here  
on March 25.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods arrived per s.s. "City of  
Singapore" remaining undelivered  
after to-day, will be subject to  
rent. Agents—The Bank Line,  
Ltd.  
Goods arrived by M.S. "Asia,"  
remaining undelivered after March  
22, will be subject to rent. Agents—  
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A bachelor lady—not by any  
stretch of the imagination could  
she be called a girl—was being en-  
tertained for the first time at a  
supper club.

The jazz orchestra was blaring,  
and, wishing to appear exhilarated  
by her surroundings, she said,  
wagging her head in time to the  
music, "Oh, isn't that charming!  
I wish I knew what they were  
playing."

The attentive waiter bent toward  
her and said something in a low  
tone. Instantly there was an angry  
shriek and the bachelor lady struck  
at him with doubled fists. To her  
friends' horrified inquiry, she  
wailed:

"The wretch insulted me! He  
said, 'Let Me Be the First to Kiss  
You Good Morning and the Last to  
Kiss You Good Night!'"

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

### VESSELS DUE.

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### MARRIAGE.

**LOWSON — DOGGART.** — At Kulanau, Amoy, on March 12, James McKie Atkinson, Lowson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.), of Forfar, Scotland, to Winifred Norah Doggart, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.), of St. Andrew's, Scotland.

### DEATH.

**FLESHNER.** — F.R. Fleshner, on March 13, 1926, at Matilda Hospital, American citizen, late of Canton.

Hongkong, Wednesday, March 17, 1926.

### 1924 IN RETROSPECT.

So far as can be recalled at the moment, all the various Departmental reports for the Colony for 1924 have already been published in separate form and, after being laid on the table of the Legislative Council, extracts and comments have appeared in the local Press. It was rather unfortunate that the labour troubles of last year prevented the earlier publication of the reports for 1924 which do seem rather belated; but this was unavoidable.

All these reports have now been issued in book form with the comprehensive title of "Administrative Reports for the Year 1924." The volume throws an interesting light on the Colony's affairs for the year in question, and as a local "Year Book" ought to be of inestimable value for reference purposes with the passing of the years. The only comment called for is that there is no index to the subjects reviewed. For example, there are constant references in more than one report to malaria, but the reader has first to search for the usual Departmental reports, occupy considerable time in lighting on the exact places and statistics, and then conclude that somewhere else within the pages of this volume must be found other allusions to the question. It may be that in future years an effort will be made to compile a detailed alphabetical index, and thus enhance the value of the volume as a whole to the busy man seeking for information and enlightenment on local affairs.

Over 80 pages of the book are devoted to a preface, general observations, and summaries of the various reports, the last named being themselves given in the form of appendices. As hinted, there is much

even in the preface and the general observations that cannot excite much comment, owing to the late date of publication. As a plain and unadorned record of the Colony's progress, however, it has a high value. It reveals by means of impressive statements and cold figures what was the position of affairs in 1924 in relation to the activities of the Government. To many such reports and statistics may appear uninviting; but the official history of the Colony cannot, perhaps, be more accurately set forth than by means of such a comprehensive and official volume as this collection of Departmental Reports. It is true that the newspapers afford an insight into the trend of purely local events; but a half yearly or yearly file of a daily newspaper would be too cumbersome for ready reference, and, besides, would lack that "official" imprimatur common to Government reports in regard to purely administrative questions. The volume of "Administrative Reports for the Year 1924" ought to find a place in the reference library of all concerned in the welfare of the Colony, although there is nothing to indicate the price or where it is obtainable. These, however, are petty details—insignificant when compared with the great utility of the book as a whole.

### UNCONSIDERED TRIFLES.

We have it on the authority of an experienced police officer, that the criminal element in Hongkong is no worse than it is in other parts of the world; that it is probably more "docile" and bears no comparison with that of the European element. There is, at least, a crumb of satisfaction in all this—and we shall try and look at it in that light the next time our presentation "old cut" links disappears, or a store in the centre of the town receives a nocturnal visit by a band of the disciples of Autolycus. It is the smallness of our community—or the restricted sense of its life—which places a strong light on acts of depredations as they occur—or rather as they are published for many a theft is never reported to the police, and become merely topics of conversation at afternoon teas. The police were "wont to lay all our criminal troubles to the present chaos in the adjoining province." It smacked somewhat of the excuse which a certain Government Department used during the strike. All unattended, uncompleted jobs were "due to" the strike, which proves of course that adversity hath her advantages—if you can only get to look at it in the proper way. But can the fairly numerous thefts of recent days bear the same excuse as of old? We can well believe that thefts of sails and gear from yachts are due to a crime wave. The perishing from Golf Club houses is a little bewildering. These Rationalistic people throw dogmatic doubts on the existence of "Another Place"—either hot or cold. It must be supposed then that golfers have to be punished whenever "bad lies" and "all

stories have to be met with some sort of punishment—hence these visitations and the lifting of unconsidered trifles. The visiting of silk stores may be understood in order to be "on velvet," think nothing of getting there by the means of silk. Our Police force, we are told, costs a pretty penny. We would add to the cost, Mr. Edgar Wallace has written one or two engrossing detective stories—abounding in tips and examples of the deductive methods of the modern "foc." Why not lay in a few volumes for our Criminal Investigation Department?

### NEW CRUISERS.

TWO LAUNCHINGS IN ONE DAY.

KENT AND CUMBERLAND.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 16.

Two new cruisers were launched to-day—the Kent at Chatham and the Cumberland at Barrow. Both are of 10,000 tons and will carry eight-inch guns in conformity with the Washington Naval Agreement. They will have a speed of 35 knots. They are, of course, part of the Admiralty's programme of replacement.

[The February issue of the Navy, the organ of the Navy League, has this note:—The cruiser Cornwall, which was laid down at Devonport Dockyard on October 11, 1924, is to be launched on March 17, when Lady Clinton will perform the naming ceremony. The Cornwall is one of five cruisers laid down in 1924 to replace vessels of the "County" class which had become obsolete. The other four are: H.M.S. "Kent" (Chatham Dockyard), H.M.S. "Cumberland" (Victoria Dockyard), H.M.S. "Barwick" (Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd., Govan, Glasgow). A few days after the Cornwall is launched the keel-plate of another cruiser will be laid. All the new vessels were designed by Sir E. F. Tennyson & Eynouart.]

### WALKED OUT.

SWARAJISTS LEAVE THE MADRAS COUNCIL.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madras, March 16.

The Swarajist and United Nationalist members of the Madras Legislative Council, numbering 28, walked out of the Council to-day in accordance with the recent decision of the All India Congress Committee calling on the Swarajists to withdraw from the Assemblies as a protest against the Government's attitude toward the demand for constitutional reforms.

[A Cawnpore cable of December 29 reported:—The Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, by a vote of 185 to 21, has adopted the resolution of boycotting Legislative Councils if the demands already made by the Legislative Assembly in regard to constitutional progress are not conceded. The resolution laid down that Swarajists should only attend from being vacated and that they should throw out the Budget; also, No office should be accepted as long as the Government did not give anything like a satisfactory reply. The resolution was carried by a large majority when brought before the Congress.]

### BRITISH COAL.

PROTEST AGAINST SPANISH DECREES.

FIRM ATTITUDE ADOPTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 16.

A question was raised in the House of Commons as to the intention of Spain to propose legislation to issue decrees of confiscation to British coal imports. Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the British Government was protesting strongly to the Spanish Government against any decree limiting the consumption of foreign coal. Should this protest prove ineffective, the Government would consider whether any further action could be taken.

## SHREDS AND PATCHES.

March, 1926.

Calendar. 15. Mon. Abolition of the Tsar of Russia 1917.

16. Tues. Caroline Herschell born. 1750.

17. Wed. Captain Oates died 1912.

18. Thurs. Sir Robert Walpole died. 1745.

19. Fri. David Livingstone born. 1813.

20. Sat. Sir Isaac Newton died. 1727.

21. Sun. Giordano Bruno born. 1548.

The heroism of Captain A. Great Oates was great because

Here it was without heroism. Hardly ever has a more

moving story been told of the way in which, during the Scott Antarctic Expedition, he met his death.

Yet it was not words which made the story moving; it was the simple

fact.

So he just walked out into the blizzard, and was never seen again.

Well might Scott, in that tragic diary of his, relating the deed, say of Captain Oates that he was a

"very gallant gentleman." To be a gentleman of such a sort is a great deal up to which to live.

The splendid settings of "If" Lord Dunsany's play at the

Theatre Royal, calls to mind the time when Stephen Phillips

wrote his poetical drawn Ulysses. He and T. S. Eliot were one afternoon at

the back of the dress circle of His Majesty's, watching the scenery

that had been arranged for the production. The scene-painter from

the Haymarket strolled in, and was invited to give an opinion.

"All I can say, gentlemen," he announced, frankly impressed, "is

will want some uncommon good words written up to it."

Mr. Irving Berlin

Golden Songs is probably the first

man to make a million by song writing, but some

composers of the past, who were

shrewd enough to retain rights, have had little reason to complain

of the financial rewards. "Har

Golden Hair Was Hanging Down Her Back" earned \$20,000 for

author and publisher. "My Mother Was a Lady" cleared an equal sum

in royalties in a single year.

"Queen of My Heart," it is said, rewarded its composer to the tune

of \$40,000; and on many other world-famous ditties, like "Ta-ra-

ra-boom-de-ay," the returns must have been still greater. Even

songs of a much higher type have occasionally proved fortune-makers,

as, for instance, "The Lost Chord," from which Sullivan derived over

\$10,000, and "My Pretty Jane," which yielded its composer \$2,000

per line.

The motor salesman

She Knew, had been for some days

"trying to secure the rather difficult buyer, and as he

mopped his perspiring brow he felt that he had finally managed to

make the sale.

One shall know genius

A Burns by its capacity for

Biography, inspiring the new point

of view in those who

follow after. No Scotsman will

need to be told that Burns has

this quality in excess, and we

make no apology for quoting from a recent essay by a Scottish

student. He was young, but he

wrote:—"Burns was once asked

to join a whisky drive, but being a

sensible man, he preferred to

emigrate to the West Indies. He

got a job as an 'excise' man, and

worked himself up till he was able

to write poetry. He was a very

kind-hearted man. Once he wrote

a poem on a mouse, after he had

been told that he had killed it. He

ended his life as abruptly as he

began it. Terse, but how true.

### A SECOND BEST BED.

An interesting controversy has arisen in the "Times" concerning the authenticity of Shakespeare's will, particularly that part of the Poet's testament which leaves as a legacy to his wife, his second best bed. It appears that Mr. Addy, the well-known scholar, has arrived at the conclusion, after studying contemporary documents, that, after all, he left his best bed to his wife, which puts a totally different complexion on things. Indeed, if this theory is proved to be authentic, our conception of the Stratford Bard will need drastic revision (observes the "Times of Ceylon"). Volumes of controversy have been written about this second best bed. It is one of the most important pieces of furniture in history. Why second best? Many eminent scholars, including Sir Samuel Gollanz, have formed the not unnatural conclusion that Shakespeare was unhappily married. And this view is supported by the few facts which hitherto we have presumed to be correct about the Poet, and which now are upset if this theory is true. The records show that Shakespeare married when a lad, that his wife was an ill-educated peasant girl—some sea in her Andrey in "As you like it"—and it is impossible to conceive a man of his colossal intellect content with a village hoyden. It is perhaps significant that he was living with his wife when he wrote his greatest tragedies. All the black horror and tragedy of King Lear

was written, so we are informed, at his Stratford home. So was Titus Andronicus, that terrible history, and, again, it is significant that in his old age he wrote "The Tempest," in which he portrayed the exquisite character of Miranda, who, it has been suggested, is a portrait of the girl whom he desired to marry, but could not, owing to his mistakes in early life. But this is all conjecture and theory. After all, we can prove by playing cross-word puzzles with the sonnets, that Shakespeare was the Earl of Oxford, Lord Bacon, or Fletcher, whom we know wrote part of Henry VIII., and his workmanship is discernible in other plays. Again, there is the fascinating mystery of the Dark Lady. Is Miranda a portrait of this intriguing female? These are questions which revolve around the four corners of a dusty second best bed. If Shakespeare left his wife his second best bed it was a touch of bitter irony. On the other hand, if he left her his best bed, we are faced with a dilemma. The sonnets are ardent and yet so impersonal that they tell us nothing. Perhaps and the conjecture is pleasing, the Poet was in love with his own wife and that she was the Dark Lady. But no. The records tell us that she was a "fair haired lass." So off we go theorising again. If it is proved that Shakespeare left his wife his best bed, we shall not be much the wiser. And after all, why should we?



## NOTE TO CHINA.

ULTIMATUM EXPIRES ON THURSDAY.

BRITAIN'S INSTRUCTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 16. In the House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour leader, asked for an explanation of the reports of representations made by the Protocol Powers to China, which might involve naval operations within two days.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, replied that His Majesty's representative in Peking had been instructed to take no action except in co-operation with other Treaty Powers, also that an armed force should only be used as a last resort to safeguard the security of foreigners in the areas affected. Sir J. W. R. Macleay had communicated these instructions to the British Naval authorities on the spot.

## EARLIER CABLES.

Peking, March 15. It is reported from Japanese sources in Tientsin that the British, Japanese, French, American and Italian Naval agents have handed an ultimatum to General Lu Chung-shan, Commander of the Kuomintang troops in the district of Tientsin and Commander of the Chinese Yellow Sea squadron, demanding that the squadron be withdrawn from Tientsin, the marine mines be removed, the inspection of foreign vessels cease, and the buncos be replaced.

The ultimatum notifies General Lu that if the demands are not complied with within a fixed term, (which the report does not state) the Powers concerned will resort to united Naval force.

"Two Days."

A Peking message confirms the Japanese report of an ultimatum, having been presented and says that the time expires in two days. It is not yet certain what action will be taken if there is no compliance. The Legations are now considering this point.

## Demands Confirmed.

Shanghai, later. The Powers have sent an ultimatum to the Chinese commanders at Taku Forts demanding that unimpeded traffic be restored in the Channel by noon on Thursday.

According to a Japanese source in Tientsin, the ultimatum demands the withdrawal of the Chinese Yellow Sea Squadron from Tientsin, the removal of mines in the channel, and the cessation of inspection of foreign vessels.

Failing satisfaction the Powers will resort to united naval force.

## Lanchow Evacuated.

Tientsin, March 16. Heavy firing was proceeding over the weekend at Lanchow, where the railway staff at the station are living in dugouts.

It is reported that the Kuomintang troops started to evacuate Lanchow yesterday.

## "WILFUL KILLING."

TRIAL OF FIVE FASCISTS IN ITALY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Chieti, March 15. The trial of the five men, Dumini, Viola, Volpi, Poveromo, and Mulacra, accused of the "wilful but unpremeditated killing" of the Socialist Deputy, Signor Matteotti, the discovery of whose body was made in July, 1924, after his disappearance. In June caused a world-wide sensation, opened in the Court of Assize.

This town is in remote Abruzzi. Dumini, the chief prisoner, is defended by Signor Farinacci, the Fascist Secretary-General, who wore a black robe presented to him by local women Fascists.

The chief of the Chieti Bar, welcomed Signor Farinacci and his colleagues who had come "to perform a lofty mission in defending the accused."

## Kidnapped.

Chieti, March 16. Signor Dumini, in his evidence said that he had concluded that Matteotti was concerned in the murder of the Fascist Senator, Signor Matteotti, the discovery of whose body was made in July, 1924, after his disappearance.

He (Dumini) drove the motor-car in which Matteotti was carried off and had proceeded a certain distance when his companions informed him that Matteotti was ill. He got out of the car and did his best for his prisoner, who died within five minutes, profusely bleeding from the mouth.

The party wandered a long way across country and buried the corpse, after removing the clothes to conceal identification.

## GENEVA TANGLE.

SERIOUS ELEMENT RETARDS SOLUTION.

DECISION IN SEPTEMBER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 16. At the conclusion of the Conference of the Dominions representatives, M. Briand saw Sir Austen Chamberlain. He then told the Pressmen that there were no misunderstandings between France, Great Britain, and Germany, but a serious element existed, making a solution difficult of realization.

M. Briand is going to Paris tomorrow to present a Ministerial statement in Parliament. Some persons who were near him thought that he hinted at the possibility of a postponement of the whole affair.

General Smuts has left for London on urgent business connected with the South African representation and the Canadian High Commissioner.

## Brazil's Claim.

Geneva, Later. After a three-hour meeting the delegates of the Latin-American States, who heard a full statement of Brazil's case from Senhor Franco, decided pressingly to request the latter to find means of restoring unanimity in the Council in connection with the composition of the Council in the interests of the moral peace of Europe with a view to unanimity.

The Latin-American delegates confidently expect that Brazil will now yield.

One delegate, interviewed by Reuter, expressed the opinion that the difficulty had been practically settled.

## Till September.

Geneva, Later. When the Council concluded Sir Austen Chamberlain hurried off to see the Germans.

The general impression is that the whole question will be adjourned till September.

## Adjournment Confirmed.

Geneva, Later. At the close the Council decided, in view of the difficulty of obtaining unanimity, particularly in regard to the attitude of Brazil, that Sir Austen Chamberlain should propose to-morrow in the Assembly that both the question of Germany's admission to the Council and also the question of an enlargement of the Council should be adjourned till the September meeting of the Assembly.

## Locarno Unaffected.

In order to demonstrate that the Locarno Agreements are in no way affected by the decision, the signatory Powers to the Treaties at Locarno, including Germany, will shortly publish a statement repeating their adherence to these agreements.

## Important Communiqué.

Geneva, Later. A communiqué was issued at 8.45 o'clock this evening as follows:

"The representatives of Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Italy met to examine the situation resulting from the difficulties which have arisen to hinder the accomplishment of their common wishes. They note the fact that they have reached an agreement to overcome the obstacles which at one moment had arisen between them."

"If, as there seems reason to feel, the above difficulties persist, the representatives of the seven signatories of the Locarno Protocol would regret that they will not be able at this moment to reach the goal which they had in view; but they are happy to recognize that the work of peace which they realized at Locarno, and which exists in all its value and force, remains intact. They remain as attached to that to-day as yesterday, and are firmly resolved to work together to maintain and develop it."

## Next Session.

The communiqué concludes by expressing the conviction that at next session of the Assembly the existing difficulties will be surmounted, and that the agreement already reached regarding the conditions of Germany's entry into the League will be realized.

## Deplorable Impression.

Geneva, Later. A deplorable impression has been produced by the publication of the communiqué cabled earlier and there is much criticism of those to whom responsibility is attributed.

Complete calm prevails at the German headquarters, though the German journalists are much concerned regarding the consequences of the abortive attempt to secure Germany's admission is likely to have in Germany.

Things, however, may still be right if Brazil, during the night, decides not to veto Germany's admission, unless Brazil also is granted a permanent seat on the Council.

## An Inconclusive Report.

Paris, March 16. Signor Matteotti, M. Briand's alleged statement regarding a

Colonial mandate for Germany is declared to have been inaccurately reported and misinterpreted.

It is explained that Mr. Briand merely indicated that in becoming a member of the League, Germany would automatically enjoy the right to which all members of it claimed to be entitled, namely, to receive a Colonial mandate if and when the occasion arose.

## Failure Admitted.

Geneva, March 16. Grave disappointment is expressed on all sides at what is tantamount to a break-down in the Geneva meeting. The question is asked: "If they do these things in the green leaf, what shall be done in the dry?"

The comparison being between the question of the constitution and framework of the Council and the real national crisis which might arise between important Powers.

There is a tendency to lay the blame on Brazil for the present situation.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Council's confession of failure will create a very bad impression. The blame will not be justly cast on Germany.

The game has not been played. The manifesto by the Locarno signatories is a brave attempt to gild the pill of failure.

Intrigue and Fiasco. The "Daily Mail" goes out of the way strongly to support Sir Austen Chamberlain.

The "Daily Graphic" says that Geneva began with intrigue and ended in fiasco. The Council's decision is one of despair and desperation. The League emerges from the episode soiled and supine.

The British people will acknowledge gratefully the courageous and seemingly role played by Sweden.

## German View.

Berlin, March 16. Government circles are not surprised at the Geneva decision. Gratification is expressed at the statement in the communiqué that Germany cannot be blamed for the failure of the conference, also the declaration in the communiqué that the Locarno signatories are determined to adhere to the Locarno ideals in spite of the present set-back.

[A London cable published on Monday stated: The most interesting news from Paris states that some of the papers are expressing surprise at the new revelation made by M. Briand in the course of addressing French journalists, namely, that the Allies recently promised that Germany would be eventually allocated a Colonial mandate.]

## POSITION REVIEWED.

(British Wireless Service.)

## Rugby, March 16.

Although hopes were maintained that the situation would clarify itself within the next 24 hours, yesterday at Geneva was not free from anxieties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand and the German delegates have been in close touch with each other, and the anxieties that will remain do not arise out of any difference of opinion existing between these statesmen, who are in complete agreement on the course to be adopted.

The delegates of the South American States united to-day in urging Brazil to abandon her intention of vetoing Germany's election, unless she also is granted a permanent Council seat; and although it is generally expected that this and other appeals of the same kind will have the result desired, no definite information to this effect has so far been received.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who has kept in constant touch with the Dominions representatives on the Assembly, again held his usual daily conference with them this morning.

It has been provisionally arranged that the League Assembly and the Council will meet to-morrow.

## EARLIER CABLES.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Geneva, March 15. A meeting of all the Dominions representatives is summoned for ten o'clock to-morrow in order that Sir Austen Chamberlain may inform them of the latest phases of the situation.

The Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senhor Franco, and the representatives of Guiana and Uruguay (both non-permanent members of the Council) are conferring with the delegates of other Latin American States for the purpose of furnishing to the latter explanations on the crisis and the attitude of Brazil regarding her claim for a permanent seat.

## "Hopeful."

Geneva, Later.

The conferences of Dominions representatives did not finish until 12.30 a.m. The delegates said that the situation was much more hopeful.

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## TAKEN EFFECT.

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## BRITISH BUDGET.

CHANCELLOR MUST SAVE \$1 MILLIONS.

ADMINISTRATION ECONOMY.

(Reuter's Service.)

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In order to keep down expenditure to \$799,000,000 he mentioned that \$1,000,000 must be economised in national administration in order to counter-balance unavoidable new expenditure to that amount.

## HOUSING DIPLOMATS.

TEN MILLION FOR AMERICAN BUILDINGS.

CONSOLIDATION ABROAD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 16. The House of Representatives has voted an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to acquire Embassy and Consular buildings and consolidate the Government services abroad.

A Chinese was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a dog bite. The animal, belonging to a Chinese living at No. 146, Wellington Street, is now under observation at Kennedy Town.

A summons against the manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. for failure to maintain in an efficient and clean condition the water closets on that part of the Hotel in Pedder Street, now under reconstruction was mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the defence and hearing was adjourned for one week.

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Mr. Potts said that shareholders were very pleased to find that under the prevailing conditions, results had proved better than they had expected.

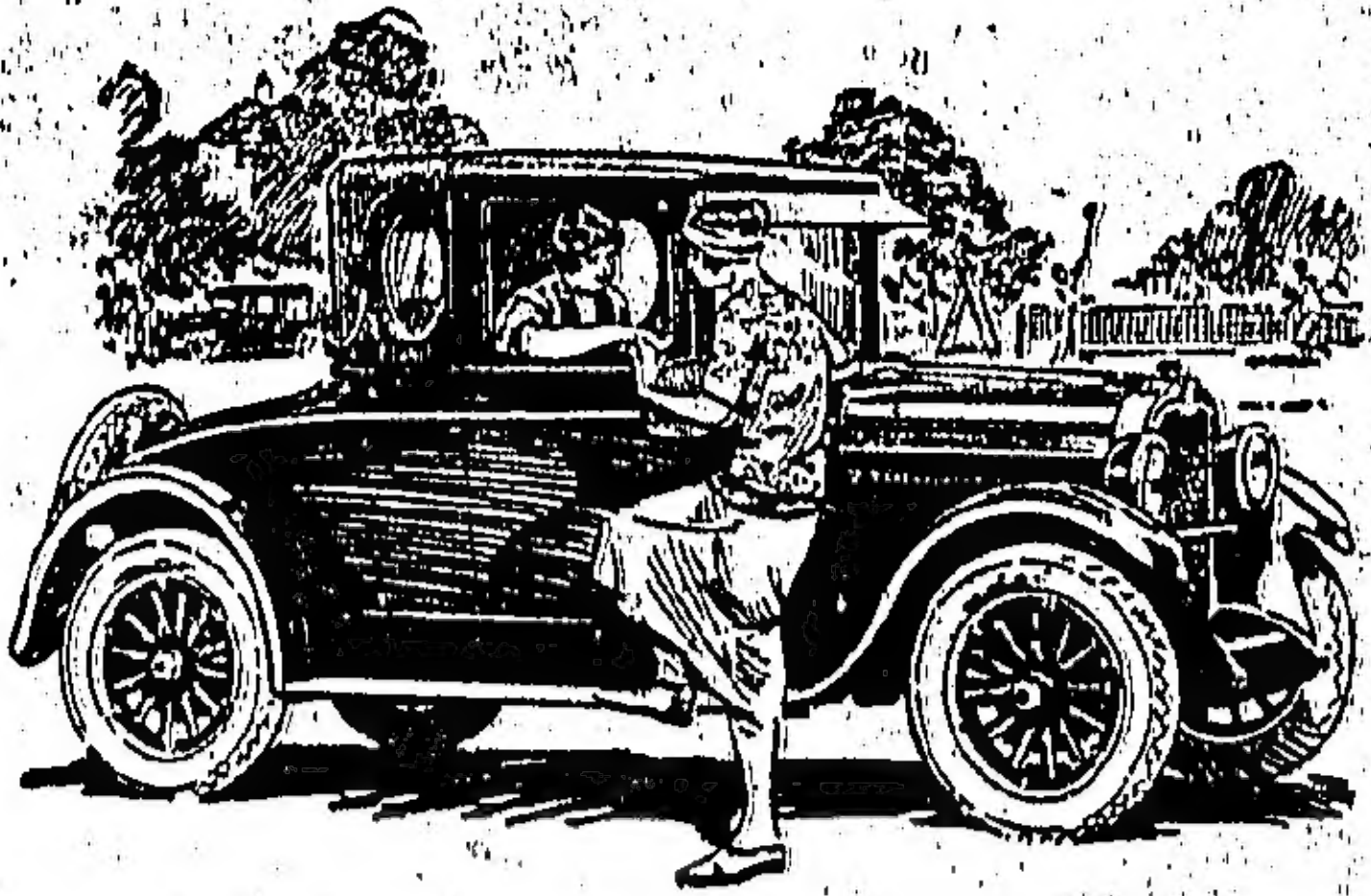
He also expressed a wish that a normal situation would soon return, and that when the "strike" was over, they would do even better still. (Hear, hear.) With those few remarks, he had much pleasure in seconding the chairman's motion.

Continuing, Mr. Potts asked whether the item (on the assets side of the balance sheet)—"cement and raw material in stock valued at cost or under \$1,270,334.78 (Mr. Potts gave it round figures) consisted mostly of cement or stone."

The chairman replied that it was mostly stone.

Mr. Potts remarked that it seemed rather a large amount to tie up in limestone.





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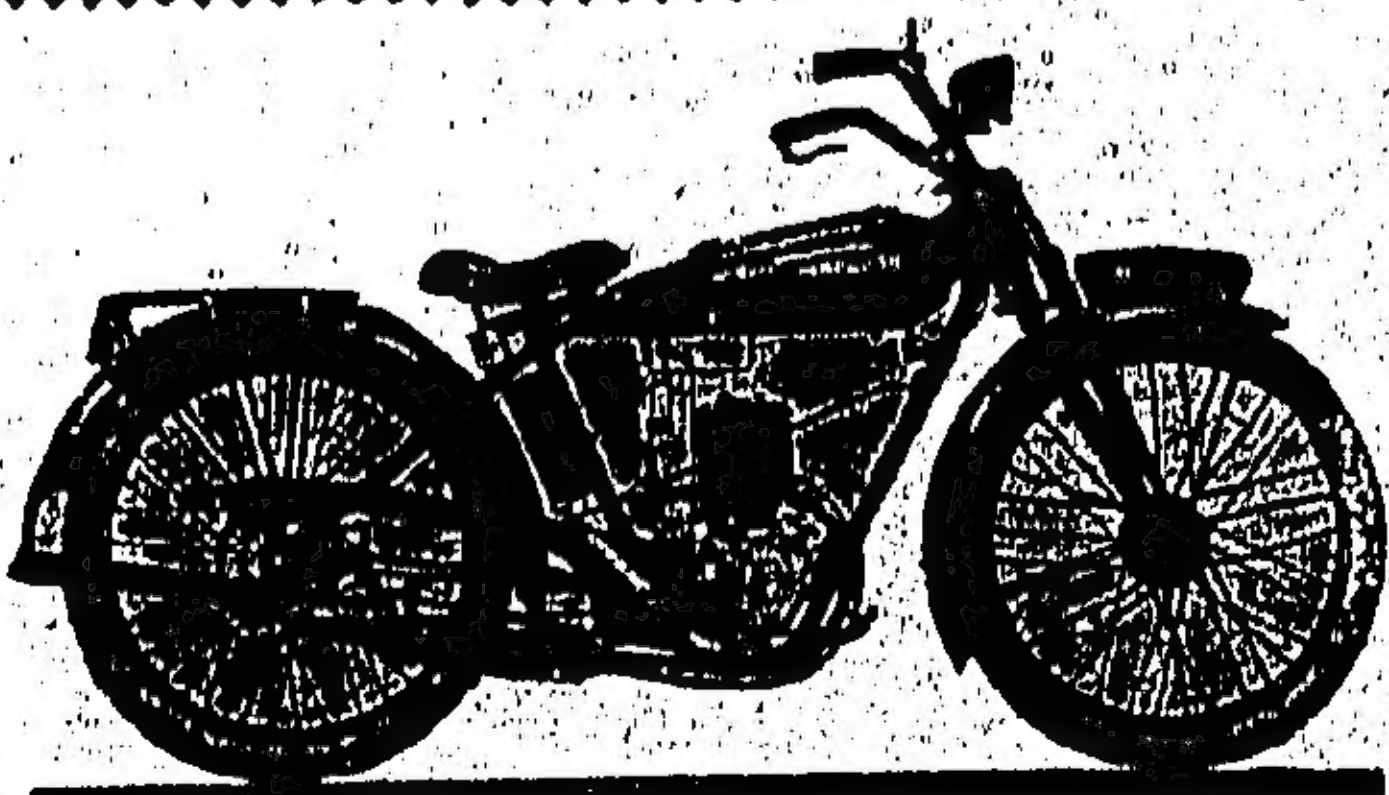
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# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese case of enteric fever was notified on Monday.

The total awards in the 194 Lusitania claims by American subjects amount to \$480,000.

Mr. G. W. King, the Magistrate in H.M. Shanghai Police Court, "It is not a criminal offence to attempt to stave off one's creditors."

Four members of the Arsenal Football Club were recently in hospital together: Hoar, with an injured knee; Woods with a broken arm; Haden with a broken leg, and Jack Rutherford with ear trouble.

The annual general meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Automobile Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, March 23, 1926, at 6.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the accounts for the year ending December 31, 1925, and to elect officers, etc.

The profile of President Coolidge may be reproduced on a special half dollar coin which has been proposed in connection with the sesquicentennial exposition to be held at Philadelphia. The coin would be one of two to be sold to help defray expenses of the exposition, the second coin being a \$2.50 gold piece.

At Leeds 1,000 seats have been specially reserved on the Huddersfield ground for the Cricket Test match. These will be numbered, and those in possession of tickets costing £1 8s. 6d. for the three days, will have a seat guaranteed, even if they arrive late. Several hundreds of these tickets have already been sold. Members now joining the Club will have the same privilege for the unnumbered seats on the pavilion side as old members, only they will be called upon to pay an additional 10s. 6d. for the season including the Australian visit. It is expected that there will be a large number of these new members.

An announcement is shortly to be made in Parliament as to a memorial to the men of the Mercantile Marine who lost their lives in the war.

Fifteen thousand intimate love letters received by Victor Hugo from the most faithful of his women friends, Juliette Drouet were sold at public auction in Paris for only 18,000 francs.

Among traffic prosecutions at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. A. J. Wheeldon was fined \$5 for driving a car without a licence. Mr. Ahmed Nemaze was fined \$5 for a similar offence and \$10 for dangerous driving.

Due to his disgust of pressure brought to bear upon him from political sources just as he was about to cause the arrest of several important officials of Yokohama, Procurator Nagata of the Yokohama District Court has resigned. The case under investigation at the time, he said, was that of graft in the Social Works Section of the Kanagawa Prefectural Government. The vernacular press reports that the case involves several prominent persons who are believed to have been connected with the disappearance of about ¥150,000 out of the ¥300,000 which the city procured from the Imperial Government at a low rate of interest.

If the spectre of hard times stalks Japan, the cafes, restaurants, theatres and movie houses fail to show it, according to the reports of the Metropolitan Police Board on the expenditures for pleasure during the Oshogatsu, or first ten days of January. A total of ¥8,556,825 was spent, at such places during that period. This is an increase of ¥3,251,700 over the amount spent during the first ten days of January last year. Itemisations show that restaurants took in the most while theatres and movie houses came second. Business men were the chief spenders and then came clerks in government offices and students.

The estimate calling for a \$1,500,000 Building and Endowment Fund for the American School in Japan as submitted by the committee of which Mr. J. R. Geary is chairman, indicates that an enrolment of at least 100 students will be had when the new institution with its enhanced facilities throughout is realised.

"Typographical errors," said the late William Dean Howells, "are always amusing. When I was a boy in my father's printing office in Martin's Ferry, I once made a good typographical error. My father had written, 'The showers last week, though copious, were not sufficient for the millmen. I set it up 'millmen.'"

Introducing Sadhu Sundar Singh's Meditations on Various Aspects of the Spiritual Life, which Macmillan will publish, the Bishop of London recalls the Indian teacher's striking appearance and the impression he made upon the clergy of the London diocese by "the simplicity and yet supernatural power of his address."

The number of motor vehicles in the Dutch Indies is 50,824 all licensed for hire, out of which there are 38,709 motor cars, 4,900 motor buses and 7,215 motor cycles. The figures are furnished by the Java Motor Club. In January, Java and Madoera owned 27,599 motor cars, 2,752 buses and 5,691 cycles.

"Y.Y." in the "New Statesman," writes—The Devil has it is said, a great deal of what is called charm, but charm merely means the power to get your own way and to deceive other people into doing what you want them to do. You often hear it said of a good man that he lacks charm, but his lack of charm is frequently an honesty that will not flatter or gloss for selfish purposes. If you meet a really charming man, look to your purse.

# SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Harry Lauder is back in London for a season after an absence of two years.

Mr. M. M. Maas of the A.F.C. is due to leave London for Hongkong by the "Khyber" on March 26.

Dr. H. B. Mellon and Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield are passengers in the "President Monroe" which left Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. A. P. Glanville of the P.W.D., with Mrs. Glanville and infant, is due to leave London for Hongkong on April 9 by the "Malwa."

Passengers on the "President Grant" which reached Hongkong yesterday from Manila included Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Zeininger, Mr. Zeininger, who is editor of the Manila Bulletin, is going to the States on holiday.

The late Miss Nina Henrietta Beath, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of the Medical Mission of the Presbyterian Church of England, Swatow daughter of the late Lieut. Colonel John Henry Beath, C.B., R.A.M.C., left £1,300 (personal estate in Great Britain).

The latest style of hairdressing for the modern woman is known as the "Charleston," and bids fair to replace the Eton crop. A side parting with a cock-comb effect over the forehead, and a curl on each cheek is the note of this new style.

Speaking of Shanghai, on his return home Sir Harry Lauder said: "Shanghai is the most wonderful place in the world. It is full of interest," he said, "and its attraction to Western visitors is magnetic. There is no better place in the world in which to study human types."

The marriage of Mrs. Marian Curcio to Mr. A. Wallace Jones was solemnised in Kobe on March 6. The consular service was held at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General in the morning and a quiet church service took place at All Saints' Church at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a wedding reception at the residence of Mr. H. T. Stapleton. Mr. Jones was manager of the Kobe branch of the Chartered Bank but will sail on Home leave with his bride by the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" on March 25. Mr. Stapleton relieved Mr. Jones as Kobe manager of the Bank.



EVIA LAVALLIERE

Eva Lavalliere, once one of the foremost of French actresses, was reported to be dying in her peasant's hut near Viter, France. She left the stage while in her prime and lived as a peasant seeking "expiation and redemption."

Passengers due to arrive by the Macedonia include Mrs. L. A. Dickie and child, Mrs. R. E. Lindell and child, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Lane, Mr. W. R. Macpherson and Mrs. F. Norington.

If Cardinal Ratti, erudite Italian prelate, linguist extraordinary, scientist and book-lover, had only remained Monsignor Ratti instead of becoming Pope Pius XI, he might now be a member of the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres. As there are a number of pronounced anticlerical members and a unanimous vote is required, it might now be difficult to elect his Holiness, if not definitely abandoned, has at least been pigeon-holed. The former Monsignor Ratti was proposed for membership in the learned gathering some time during the war. "Not well enough known," declared the haughty academicians; "let us wait and see if he produces a magnum opus that will entitle him to sit with us." However, before the French literati could get around to his case again, Cardinal Ratti had ascended to the throne of St. Peter.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Reginald P. Lopez of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., Malacca to Miss Maude Rozelle of Singapore.

In the list of successes in the Bar Finals is the name of Major Brett M. Cloutman, who was awarded the last V. C. in the war on November 6, 1918, for gallantry at Pont-sur-Sambre.

"To the memory of a fine, old sportsman" was inscribed on a wreath from the Prince of Wales at the funeral of Mr. George Gee, aged 35, said to be the oldest member of the Pritchley Hunt, which took place at Welford, Northamptonshire.

The following are the officers and committee of the Kobe Golf Club for the current year. Mr. J. P. Warren, Chairman; Mr. H. Macnaughton, Captain, in place of Mr. J. D. Thomson, and Messrs. E. B. S. Edwards, A. C. Macpherson, D. S. G. Shierras, G. N. Hallett, and Viscount Kuki committeemen.

Intervention by King Boris has saved a poor peasant living near the royal summer palace at Varna from a prison term. The King's lowly neighbour stole oats from the royal barn, filling a cart, but he was soon apprehended by the police. The case came up and the King asked that he be released, saying: "I cannot permit the prosecution of my poor neighbour. I am rich and he is poor; no wonder he wanted to load his wagon with my oats. He will live in neighbourly relations with me in the future."

"Suitcase marriages" have been discussed so much in England that the Church Assembly will consider a reform of the law relating to the publication of marriage banns. Many of the 3,000,000 members of the Church of England belong to congregations outside the parishes in which they reside. Consequently, if they desire to be married in the church to which they belong, they must take up residence in that parish for three weeks. This has resulted in the renting of rooms in which a suitcase is left to establish residence. It is proposed that matrimony be permitted in the church of the parish in which either of the parties is entered on the electoral roll, whether actually resident there or not.

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POPE PIUS XI

This remarkable photograph of Pope Pius XI was taken in the Vatican as he was officiating at the closing of the Missionary Exhibition which had been in progress there for some time.



MRS. MARY MURRAY

Mrs. Mary Murray, a member of the National Woman's Party committee, called on President Coolidge to ask him to support the immediate passage of the equal rights amendment.



MR. & MRS. IRVING BERLIN

After being pursued for days by reporters and photographers, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin finally have attained solitude in Europe.



JEAN FERRIS

Jean Ferris, fourteen years old, an English schoolgirl, has come into a fortune of £200,000 through the termination of a trust fund left her by her grandfather, the late Claus Spreckels, the American sugar king.



REV. & MRS. WILLIAM CHRISTY

Mrs. Laura E. Christy was held for the grand jury at East Liverpool (Oregon) on a charge of murder after the death of her husband of nine days, the Rev. William Christy. Officials believed poison caused the pastor's death.



PRESIDENT KALLIS



MISS MARY ANDERSON



GENERAL JAY J. MORROW



GERTRUDE LEICHT

President Kallis, of the Finnish Ministry, formed the new Agrarian Cabinet. Miss Mary Anderson, Women's Bureau director, arranged the industrial conference at Washington which represented 8,500,000 employed women. General Jay J. Morrow, chairman of the special committee on the Tacna-Arica boundary dispute, will return to Chile in April. Gertrude Leicht, although only nineteen, has been appointed city clerk of Fort Thomas, Kentucky.



VISCOUNT KATO

Viscount T. Kato, the Japanese Prime Minister, who died after a four-days' illness with influenza.



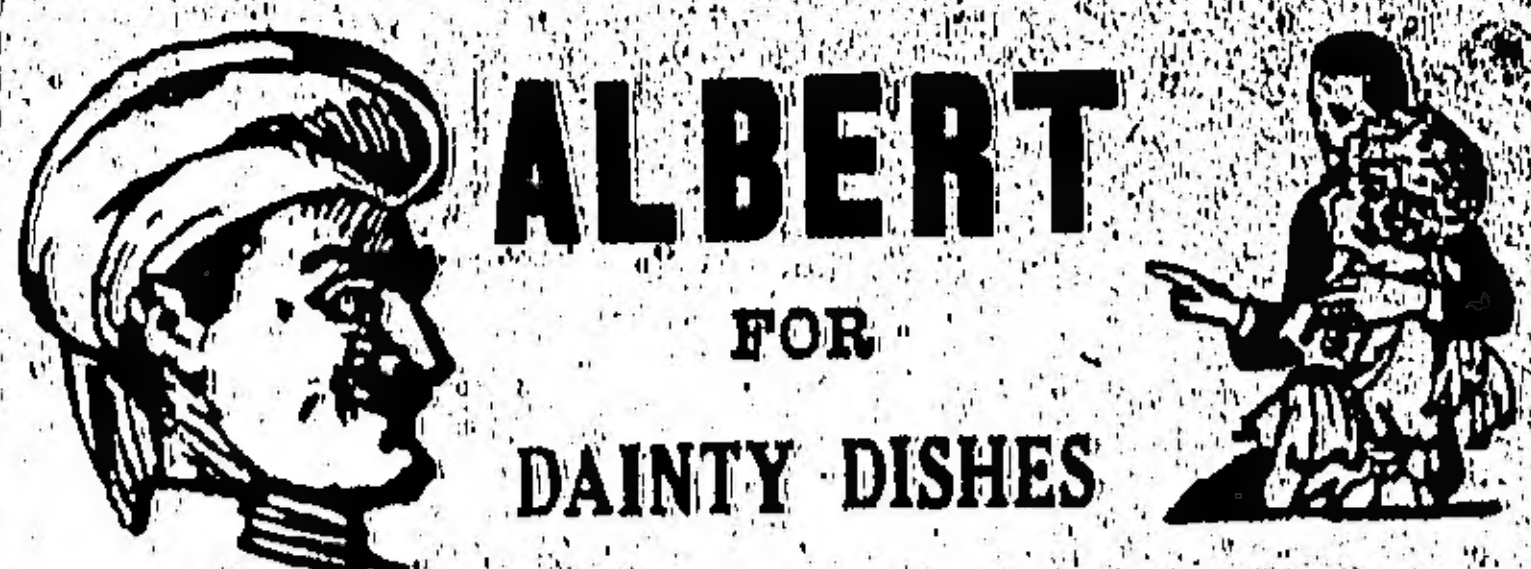
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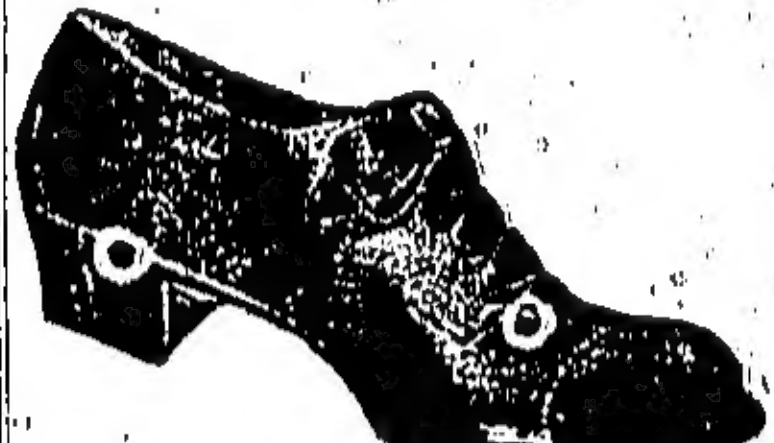
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### Imitation "Scotch" Tweeds.

The extent to which Scottish tweeds are imitated in America is flatteringly to the skill of the manufacturers in the Border towns, but foreign-made tweeds sold as Scottish not only delude the purchasers, but threaten to cut discredit on an industry which is admittedly unrivalled. The foreign analyst may identify the yarns and pick out the colour blendings, and the chemist may secure an almost exact approximation to the dyes, and the manufacturer may reproduce the pattern of weaving, but they cannot produce tweeds corresponding in quality and texture to the home-manufactured article. The blending and preparation of wools and colours are secured by something more than mechanical processes. The time has come when Scottish manufacturers have concluded that they must protect the American purchaser, and their own interests at the same time, and a scheme has been evolved whereby every purchaser will have an identification device as a guarantee of genuineness. Whether this plan will prove completely satisfactory remains to be seen, but if the circumstances call for the registering of trade marks in countries where tweeds are in demand, the manufacturers will unquestionably be drawn together to act in co-operation for that purpose.



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### New Faces for Criminals.

Through the clever capture in Vermont of a burglar who had his facial appearance altered by surgery, attention was called recently to the increasing use of plastic surgery by criminals seeking to escape identification, says the "World Magazine" (New York). On the prisoner was found a receipt for 460 dollars paid to a New York surgeon for changing the contours of his ears, chin, and nose. He had dyed his hair, too. Poet and Farmer.

When Scotsmen toast the immortal memory, few of them are likely to recall Burns as one of the most progressive farmers of his day (according to the "Daily Chronicle"). Yet as a pioneer of scientific farming he was recognised by his contemporaries, and Colonel Fullerton, in a report in 1795 on "The Agriculture of Ayrshire," refers to the poet's farming operations in complimentary terms. Amongst others, Major Dunlop, a prominent agriculturist, expressed surprise at the excellent crops grown by Burns on stony Ellisland. His prize cattle also were well known. At a time when cows averaged \$2.10, he obtained the then record price of \$18 for a cow with her calf. Had the donegal the Chair of Agriculture then established at Edinburgh University not had a friend for the poet, Burns, in all probability, would have been appointed to the new professorship. To him more than anyone else is due the credit of founding in 1793 what is believed to have been the first farmers' society in Scotland, that of Kilmarnock.

### The Shingle Nightcap.

One can never tell how one fashion will create another, and one of the most remarkable recent examples of this is the manner in which the intensely modern fashion of shingled hair has changed a revival of the fashion of nightcaps for women (says "Cadabout" in the "Daily Chronicle"). I am told on good authority that every shingled woman who respects her shingle dons a sleeping cap when she retires to bed for the night, to keep her hair in position, to protect the waves, and to prevent the ends at the back turning up. The new "bed cap" is not so elaborate as those of former days, but they are night-caps for all that.

### Brave But Fussy.

Even should the Prince of Wales consent to make the carrying of umbrellas fashionable, he would certainly not be willing to carry one when in uniform (says the "Daily Chronicle"). Yet his great-uncle, the Duke of Cambridge, was occasionally seen thus equipped, and at least one instance is recorded of British officers taking their umbrellas into an engagement. At Bayonne, in 1833, Wellington, observed a company of the Grenadier Guards defending a redoubt against Soult's troops; a heavy shower was falling, and the Grenadier officers had umbrellas up. He subsequently sent their colonel a "memo" of characteristic incisiveness:—"Lord Wellington does not approve of the use of umbrellas under fire, and will not allow the sons of gentlemen to make themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the enemy."

### Yellow for Breakfast.

Buttercup yellow or bright orange is the right colour for the breakfast table, when nerves are on edge and the senses crave for sunshine (says a "Daily Telegraph" writer). Breakfast is the meal that really needs the most care in preparation—though it seldom gets it—and lukewarm tea, bacon as brittle as glass, and flabby toast are too many people's portion. By lunchtime most of us are feeling brisk and businesslike, and at dinner the lamps are lit and a pleasant evening looms ahead; but breakfast has none of these artificial aids and must succeed or fail on its own merits. While the day is still untried, all one's work and worries still to come, the mind is peculiarly open to impressions. More people than admit it feel a sense of dread or nervous apprehension in the morning which breakfast can do much to soothe or aggravate. Bright yellow is not only cheerful in itself, but has a mysterious reassuring quality very grateful to the nervous temperament.

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